

# TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

## Utah Coal Regulatory Program

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TO: Internal File

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RE: Response to Condition #2 (Permit Transfer), Hidden Splendor Resources, Inc.,  
Horizon Mine, C/007/0020, Task ID #1836

### **SUMMARY:**

The Division received an amendment to address the permit transfer at the Horizon Mine on February 23, 2004. This memo describes the review for the company name change as well as pagination for the biology and land use sections of the amendment.

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### **TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:**

## **GENERAL CONTENTS**

### **PERMIT APPLICATION FORMAT AND CONTENTS**

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 777.11; R645-301-120.

#### **Analysis:**

The pagination for chapters 3 and 9 match the table of contents.

Table 3-2 lists the perennial grass streambank wheatgrass.

This revised MRP includes “Appendix 10-3 Raptor Surveys”. The appendix contains only a “Wildlife” map (Plate 10-1) showing results from a 2000 raptor survey.

#### **Findings:**

Information provided in the application meets the minimum Permit Application Format and Contents section of the General Contents regulations.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INFORMATION**

Regulatory Reference: Pub. L 95-87 Sections 507(b), 508(a), and 516(b); 30 CFR 783., et. al.

### **VEGETATION RESOURCE INFORMATION**

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 783.19; R645-301-320.

#### **Analysis:**

The revised MRP includes a correctly stamped Plate 9-2 “Surveyed Riparian Area”.

**Findings:**

Information provided in the application is considered adequate to meet the minimum Vegetation Resource Information section of the Environmental Resource Information regulations.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Approve the amendment.